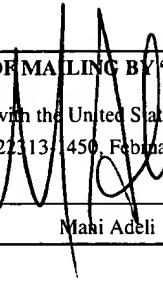


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Steven Teig

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Filing Date: 12/19/00

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
QUANTIFYING THE QUALITY OF
PLACEMENT CONFIGURATIONS IN
A PARTITIONED REGION OF AN
INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT LAYOUT**

Examiner: Annette Thompson

Group Art Unit: 2825

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated 8/27/03. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 11/27/03 to 2/27/04.

- A three-month extension to 2/27/04 is requested; the extension fee is \$950.00.
- A credit card payment form referencing docket no SPLX.P0017 is attached.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50 1128** referencing docket no. SPLX.P0017.

Dated: February 27, 2004

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Respectfully submitted,

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